

Book Group In A Bag Titles

Author	Title	Description
Abu-Jaber, Diana	<i>Crescent</i>	Sirine, a chef in Los Angeles, finds her life becoming enriched and complicated by an affair with an Iraqi exile.
Alvarez, Julia	<i>In the Time of the Butterflies</i>	Blending fact and fiction, Alvarez imagines the lives of the Mirabel sisters, who worked to overthrow the dictatorship in the Dominican Republic in 1960.
Atwood, Margaret	<i>The Handmaid's Tale</i>	A chilling look at the future depicts a country, used to be known as the United States, where women are no longer allowed to read and are valued only for reproduction.
Austen, Jane	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Mr. Darcy and spirited Elizabeth Bennett dislike each other at first sight, while Elizabeth's mother plots economically advantageous marriages for all of her daughters.
Baxter, Charles	NEW! <i>Saul and Patsy</i>	A seemingly happy domestic scene is turned upside down by the obsessive attentions of a troubled sixteen-year-old boy in the small town of Five Oaks, Michigan.
Benitez, Sandra	<i>A Place Where the Sea Remembers</i>	Minnesota author Benitez has written a remarkably simple but exquisite novel depicting events in the lives of several villagers in a small seaside town in Mexico.
Blum, Jenna	<i>Those Who Save Us</i>	A professor of German history begins a long journey returning to Germany to reopen the wounds of her own life--as well as her mother's--as a child living in Nazi Germany.
Boyte, Harry	<i>The Citizen Solution</i>	A hands-on guide that offers practical tools to effect change in America by taking action in your local community. Foreword by Don Shelby.
Bradbury, Ray	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	A totalitarian regime has ordered all books to be destroyed, but one of the book burners suddenly realizes their merit.
Bronte, Charlotte	<i>Jane Eyre</i>	Jane Eyre becomes a governess in Mr. Rochester's home of Thornfield and falls in love with him before she finds that he has a tragic secret.
Brooks, Geraldine	<i>March *</i>	Brooks builds on her research into the actual journals of Louisa May Alcott's father to create the fictional Civil War experiences of Mr. March from <i>Little Women</i> .
Brooks, Geraldine	<i>Year of Wonders</i>	Through the eyes of a housemaid, the story of the plague is told as it ravages a small village in England in the year 1666.
Bryson, Bill	<i>I'm a Stranger Here Myself</i>	After living in Britain for 20 years, Bryson shares comic musings on his attempts to reacquire himself with his homeland.
Butler, Octavia	<i>Kindred</i>	Dana finds herself repeatedly transported to the antebellum South, where she must make sure that Rufus, the plantation owner's son, survives to father Dana's ancestor.
Capote, Truman	<i>In Cold Blood</i>	Capote pioneered the "nonfiction novel" format in this modern classic that details a 1959 murder and the subsequent trial in Kansas.
Cather, Willa	<i>My Antonia **</i>	This classic novel focuses on life on the nineteenth century American frontier and on immigrants' struggles for survival.
Chabon, Michael	<i>The Yiddish Policemen's Union</i>	In a world where Alaska has become the homeland for the Jews, Detective Landsman and his partner Berko investigate the death of a heroin-addicted chess prodigy.
Chevalier, Tracy	<i>Girl with a Pearl Earring</i>	A servant girl knows her place in the household of the painter Johannes Vermeer, but when he begins to paint her, whispers and rumors circulate throughout the town.
Conway, Jill K.	<i>The Road From Coorain</i>	A woman of intellect and ambition describes growing up on an Australian ranch, coping with her father's death and her mother's depression, her intellectual awakening at the university, and her path to becoming the first woman president of Smith College.

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Dai, Sijie	<i>Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress *</i>	During the Chinese Cultural Revolution, two boys are sent to the country for reeducation, where their lives take an unexpected turn.
Diamant, Anita	<i>The Red Tent</i>	The story of Dinah, a tragic character from the Bible whose great love is killed by her brother, leaving her alone and pregnant.
Didion, Joan	<i>The Year of Magical Thinking</i>	Didion's husband, John Gregory Dunne, died from a heart attack after the couple returned home from visiting their only child who was lying in a coma in the hospital. This memoir recounts the year that followed this event.
Edgerton, Clyde	<i>Walking Across Egypt</i>	A stray dog and a teenaged juvenile delinquent disrupt the orderly life of 78-year-old Mattie Rigsby of Listre, North Carolina.
Edwards, Kim	<i>The Memory Keeper's Daughter</i>	A doctor delivers his newborn twins and, rashly deciding to protect his wife from their baby daughter's affliction with Down Syndrome, turns her over to a nurse.
Enger, Leif	<i>Peace Like a River</i>	The quiet 1960s Midwestern life of the Land family is upended when Davy kills two teenage boys who have come to harm the family.
Erdrich, Louise	<i>Love Medicine</i>	Members of the Chippewa Kaspaw and Lamartine families describe their simple existence as they both deny and discover their native heritages.
Erdrich, Louise	NEW! <i>The Plague of Doves</i>	Unaware of a violent event that marked the beginning of her mixed ancestry, ambitious young Evelina Harp, a part-Ojibwe, part-white girl prone to falling hopelessly in love, learns disturbing truths from her gifted storyteller grandfather.
Fadiman, Anne	<i>The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down</i>	The fascinating true story of a Hmong child and her family, the American doctors charged with caring for her, and a collision of two cultures.
Fitzgerald, F. Scott	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	Jay Gatsby still adores Daisy Buchanan although she has married someone else, and he risks everything to lure her back.
Ford, Jamie.	<i>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i>	When artifacts from Japanese families sent to internment camps during WWII are uncovered during renovations at a Seattle hotel, Henry Lee embarks on a quest that leads to memories of growing up Chinese in a city rife with anti-Japanese sentiment.
Frazier, Charles	<i>Cold Mountain</i>	Inman escapes from a war hospital in 1864 and starts walking to Cold Mountain, while Ada struggles to save her mountain farm with the help of Ruby.
Friedman, Thomas	<i>Hot, Flat and Crowded</i>	Examines America's loss of focus and national purpose since 9/11, and the global environmental crisis, and shows how the solutions to these two problems are linked.
Genova, Lisa	<i>Still Alice</i>	After a diagnosis of early onset Alzheimer's disease, Harvard psychologist Alice Howland struggles to find meaning and purpose in her life.
Goodwin, Doris Kearns	<i>No Ordinary Time</i>	This Pulitzer-prize winner provides an account of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and their impact on the home front in WW II.
Gregory, Philippa	<i>The Other Boleyn Girl</i>	Mary and Anne Boleyn are sent to the court of Henry VIII to attract the attention of the king, who first takes Mary as his mistress and then Anne as his wife.
Gruen, Sara	<i>Water for Elephants</i>	Ninety-something-year-old Jacob Jankowski remembers his time in the circus as a young man during the Great Depression, and his friendship with Marlena, the star of the equestrian act, and Rosie, the elephant, who gave them hope.
Haddon, Mark	<i>Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time **</i>	Christopher, an autistic 15-year-old, narrates the story of his search for the killer of his neighbor's dog and his quest for more information about his mother.

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Hampl, Patricia	<i>The Florist's Daughter</i>	Prompted by her mother's death, the author reassesses her youth as the daughter of a debonair, Czech florist father and an Irish mother with a talent as a storyteller.
Hart, Erin	<i>Haunted Ground</i>	Archaeologist Cormac O'Callaghan and pathologist Nora Gavin encounter a mystery when a woman is found in the Irish bogs who may be related to a disappearance.
Haruf, Kent	<i>Plainsong</i>	An unlikely extended family is formed when a high school teacher helps a pregnant student make a home with two elderly bachelors in a prairie community in Colorado.
Hassler, Jon	<i>Staggerford</i>	Portrays the closely intertwined and troubled lives of residents in a small Minnesota town as seen through the eyes of Miles Pruitt, a much respected high school teacher.
Helget, Nicole	NEW! <i>The Turtle Catcher</i>	In a rural Minnesota town during World War I, Liesel, the only girl in the Richter family, hides a secret that precludes all hope of living a normal life and turns to her closest friend, Lester, a gentle, "slow" boy who spends his days trapping turtles.
Hernandez, Lolita	<i>Autopsy of an Engine</i>	A collection of related short stories forms a loving eulogy to the culture that died when Detroit's Cadillac plants were closed.
Hillenbrand, Laura	<i>Seabiscuit: An American Legend</i>	This "biography" of a racehorse that became a cultural icon in pre-World War II America is also the story of the people who created the phenomenon.
Hirsi Ali, Ayaan	<i>Infidel</i>	A celebration of triumph over adversity, Hirsi Ali's story tells how a bright little girl evolved out of dutiful obedience to become an outspoken, pioneering freedom fighter.
Holthe, Tess Uriza	<i>When the Elephants Dance</i>	In the final weeks of the Japanese occupation of the Philippines during WWII, three Filipino narrators recount the experiences of a people struggling in the midst of war.
Horan, Nancy	<i>Loving Frank</i>	A historical novel that chronicles the relationship between architect Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Cheney, from their meeting to the affair that shocked Chicago.
Hosseini, Khaled	<i>The Kite Runner</i> **	Traces the unlikely friendship of a wealthy Afghan youth and a servant's son in a tale that spans the final days of Afghanistan's monarchy through the present day.
Huntley, Paula	<i>The Hemingway Book Club of Kosovo</i>	When the author's husband volunteered to go to Kosovo in 2002 to help develop a new legal system, she felt compelled to accompany him, and becomes a mentor to a group of young people who came through the nightmare of war.
Hurston, Zora Neale	<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i>	Meet Janie Crawford, an articulate African-American woman in the 1930s. The book traces Janie's quest for identity, through three marriages, on a journey to her roots.
Idliby, Ranya	<i>The Faith Club</i>	Traces how three American women of different faiths worked together to understand one another while identifying the connections between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.
Irving, John	<i>A Prayer for Owen Meany</i>	While playing baseball in the summer of 1953, Owen Meany hits a foul ball that kills his best friend's mother, and he becomes convinced that he is an instrument of God.
Jones, Lloyd	<i>Mister Pip</i>	On a copper-rich tropical island shattered by war, on which survival is a daily struggle, Mr. Watts spends his days reading to the local children from <i>Great Expectations</i> .
Kalish, Mildred Armstrong	<i>Little Heathens</i>	A memoir of a school teacher growing up in the Midwest during the Great Depression describes her family on an Iowa farm during a time of endless work & resourcefulness.
Karr, Mary	<i>The Liar's Club: A Memoir</i>	Karr, a prize-winning critic and poet, describes a difficult early life in Texas in this darkly comic memoir.
Kidd, Sue Monk	<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> *	After her "stand-in mother," a bold black woman named Rosaleen, insults the three biggest racists in town, Lily Owens joins Rosaleen on a journey to Tiburon, South Carolina, where they are taken in by three black, bee-keeping sisters.

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Kidder, Tracy	<i>Mountains Beyond Mountains</i>	Infectious disease specialist Dr. Paul Farmer follows the efforts of this unconventional Harvard genius to understand the world's great health, economic and social problems.
Kimmel, Haven	<i>A Girl Named Zippy</i>	This childhood memoir is the author's humorous and touching love letter to her hometown of Mooreland, Indiana.
Kingsolver, Barbara	<i>The Poisonwood Bible</i>	The family of an evangelical Baptist missionary--Nathan Price, his wife, and his four daughters--begins to unravel after they embark on a mission to the Belgian Congo.
Kramer, Julie	NEW! <i>Stalking Susan</i>	Investigative journalist Riley Spartz discovers that a serial killer may be targeting women named Susan and killing one on the same day of each year.
Krueger, William Kent	<i>Red Knife</i>	Corcoran O'Connor is caught in the middle of a gang dispute between the Aurora Anglos and the Ojibwe Reservation Red Boyz, a situation that turns deadly when the Red Boyz leader and his wife are found murdered.
Lahiri, Jhumpa	<i>The Namesake</i> **	Follow the Ganguli family from their traditional life in India through their arrival in Massachusetts in the late 1960s and their difficult melding into an American way of life.
Lawson, Mary	<i>Crow Lake</i>	In the rural farm country of northern Ontario, the lives of two families--the farming Pye family, and zoologist Kate Morrison and her three brothers--are brought together and torn apart by misunderstanding, resentment, family love, and tragedy.
Lee, Harper	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Scout's father defends a black man accused of raping a white woman in a small Alabama town during the 1930s.
Mahfuz, Najib	<i>Palace Walk</i>	At the end of World War I, al-Sayyid Ahmad explores Cairo at night while his family stays at home living according to the Qur'an.
Malladi, Amulya	<i>The Mango Season</i>	While visiting family in India, Priya plans on announcing her engagement to an American man, but soon learns that her parents have selected a husband for her.
Mayes, Frances	<i>Under the Tuscan Sun</i>	A charming memoir of the blending of cultures necessitated by Mayes' purchase and renovation of a villa in Tuscany.
McBride, James	<i>The Color of Water</i>	A tribute to McBride's mother Ruth, a Jewish woman from Virginia who leaves home, marries an African American man from New York City and raises 12 children.
McCall Smith, Alexander	<i>The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency</i> *	Mma (aka Precious) Ramotswe is Botswana's one and only lady private detective. Her love of Africa, as well as her wisdom and humor, shine through these pages.
McDermott, Alice	<i>Charming Billy</i>	When Billy Lynch's relatives gather together to keep his memory alive, stories are woven and memories relived detailing his life in the close Irish-American community.
McEwan, Ian	<i>Atonement</i> *	Three children lose their innocence--as the sweltering summer heat bears down on the hottest day in 1935--and their lives are changed forever.
McGhee, Alison	<i>Shadow Baby</i>	Eleven-year-old Clara is struggling to find the truth about her missing father and grandfather and her twin sister, dead at birth. A Minnesota Book Award winner.
Morrison, Toni	<i>The Bluest Eye</i>	Eleven-year-old Pecola Breedlove, an African-American girl in an America whose love for blonde, blue-eyed children is overwhelming, prays for her eyes to turn blue.
Morrison, Toni	<i>Sula</i>	At the heart of Sula is a bond between two women, a friendship whose intensity first sustains, then injures.
Mortenson, Greg	<i>Three Cups of Tea</i>	One man's campaign to build schools in the most dangerous, remote and anti-American reaches of Asia.
Nafisi, Azar	<i>Reading Lolita in Tehran</i>	Set against a backdrop of revolution and repression, the author attempts to continue teaching and encouraging young Iranian women.

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Nemirovsky, Irene	<i>Suite Francaise</i>	A story of life in France under the Nazi occupation includes two parts - - "Storm in June," set amid the chaotic 1940 exodus from Paris, and "Dolce," set in a German-occupied village rife with resentment, resistance, and collaboration.
Nerburn, Kent	NEW! <i>The Wolf at Twilight</i>	In this fictionalized account of actual events, Nerburn brings the land of the northern High Plains alive and reveals the Native American way of teaching and learning with a depth that few outsiders have ever captured.
Niffenegger, Audrey	<i>The Time Traveler's Wife</i>	Clare and Henry vow to hold onto their marriage as they struggle with the effects of Chrono-Displacement Disorder, a condition that casts Henry into time travel.
O'Brien, Tim	<i>In the Lake of the Woods</i>	John and Kathy Wade, whose marriage has been built on mutual deception, visit a MN lake to sort things out, a difficult process made more so by Kathy's disappearance.
Patchett, Ann	<i>Bel Canto</i>	When terrorists seize hostages at an embassy party, an unlikely assortment of people is thrown together.
Paton, Alan	<i>Cry, The Beloved Country</i>	A bestseller and contemporary classic, the moving story of a Zulu country parson and his son, set against the backdrop of South Africa's deeply rooted racial injustice.
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Hatchet</i>	After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother.
Pearl, Matthew	<i>The Dante Club</i>	In 1865, the preparations of the Dante Club to release the first translation of Dante's <i>The Divine Comedy</i> are threatened by murders that re-create episodes from "Inferno."
Perry, Michael	<i>Population: 485, Meeting Your Neighbors One Siren at a Time</i>	Perry shares a story of New Auburn, Wisconsin from his perspective of both hometown boy and volunteer firefighter. The story is touching, funny and tragic, much like life itself.
Petterson, Per	<i>Out Stealing Horses</i>	After a meeting with his only neighbor, sixty-seven-year-old Trond is forced to reflect upon a long-ago incident that marks the beginning of a series of losses for Trond.
Pickard, Nancy	<i>The Virgin of Small Plains</i>	Seventeen years after the discovery of a female murder victim near Small Plains, Kansas, the girl's grave has become the source of strange miracles and legends.
Picoult, Jodi	<i>My Sister's Keeper</i> **	Conceived to provide a bone marrow match for her leukemia-stricken sister, teenage Kate begins to question her moral obligations in light of countless medical procedures.
Pipher, Mary	<i>The Middle of Everywhere</i>	Pipher, a family therapist from Lincoln, Nebraska, writes eloquently about the immigrants and refugees who are changing the face of her community and the U.S.
Potok, Chaim	NEW! <i>The Chosen</i>	A baseball game between Jewish schools is the catalyst that starts a bitter rivalry between two boys and their fathers.
Rash, Ron	<i>Serena</i>	Traveling to the mountains of 1929 North Carolina with her new husband, Serena Pemberton turns murderous when she learns she cannot bear children.
Register, Cheri	<i>Packinghouse Daughter</i>	A Minnesota author pays tribute to the life of her working-class father, as well as documenting the 1959 Albert Lea meatpackers' strike.
Robinson, Marilynne	<i>Gilead</i> *	John Ames, an elderly Iowa preacher, writes a letter to his young son, meditating on how his life and the struggles of his family mirror the history of the nation.
Roers, Walter J.	<i>The Pact</i>	In late 1940s Minneapolis, this novel focuses on the childhood experiences that shape the lives of two brothers, Michael and Ron Dougherty, and their friend Ricky Stedman.

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Rølvaag, O. E.	<i>Giants in the Earth</i>	Per Hansa and his wife come to the Dakota prairie from Norway, each having a different reaction to the open expanse of land.
Rosnay, Tatiana de	<i>Sarah's Key</i>	On the sixtieth anniversary of the 1942 roundup of Jews by the French police in the Vel d'Hiv section of Paris, American journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article on this dark episode during World War II.
Roth, Philip	<i>The Plot Against America</i>	A quirk of history—the victory of Charles Lindbergh over FDR in the 1940 presidential election—greatly impacts the fictional Roth family of New Jersey.
Ruiz Zafon, Carlos	<i>The Shadow of the Wind</i>	Daniel selects a novel from a library, and searches for the rest of the author's works, only to discover that someone is destroying every book the author has ever written.
Russell, Mary Doria	<i>The Sparrow</i>	The sole survivor of a crew sent to explore a new planet, Jesuit priest Emilio Sandoz discovers an alien civilization that raises questions about the very essence of humanity.
Russo, Richard	<i>Bridge of Sighs</i>	After sixty years of living in the New York town of Thomaston, Louis Charles and his wife of forty years, Sarah, prepare for a trip to Italy to visit Louis' childhood friend.
Salinger, J. D.	<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i>	In an effort to escape the hypocrisies of life at his boarding school, sixteen-year-old Holden Caulfield seeks refuge in New York City.
Sanford, Matthew	NEW! <i>Waking</i>	After a car accident ended the lives of two of his family members and rendered him a paraplegic, the author undergoes rehabilitation at the Mayo Clinic and decides to become a disabled yoga instructor.
Schlosser, Eric	<i>Fast Food Nation</i>	A journalist explores the homogenization of American culture and the impact of the fast food industry on modern-day health, economy, entertainment & food production.
See, Lisa	<i>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan</i>	Strict social codes and strong friendships are themes of this story set in isolated 19th century China.
Setterfield, Diane	<i>The Thirteenth Tale</i>	When her health begins failing, the mysterious author Vida Winter decides to let Margaret Lea, a biographer, write the truth about her life.
Shaffer, Mary Ann	<i>The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</i>	Juliet Ashton finds inspiration for her next book in her correspondence with a native of Guernsey, who tells her about the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.
Smiley, Jane	<i>A Thousand Acres</i>	Larry Cook, an Iowa farmer who has worked a thousand-acre plot owned by his family for generations, abruptly decides to leave his farm to his three daughters and retire.
Smith, Betty	<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>	A young girl in a shabby neighborhood lives with dreams in an innocent time before the war.
Stegner, Wallace	<i>Angle of Repose</i>	Stegner won the Pulitzer Prize for this tale of a marriage set against the backdrop of America's western landscape.
Sullivan, Faith	<i>The Cape Ann</i>	Set in small-town Minnesota during the Great Depression, six-year-old Lark watches as her mother saves for a real house, only to have her father squander the money away.
Tey, Josephine	<i>The Daughter of Time</i>	A 20th-century policeman sees a picture of Richard III and reinvestigates Richard's role in the murder of the princes in the Tower using all available information about Richard's time.
Trevor, William	<i>The Story of Lucy Gault</i> **	A novel set in Ireland in the 1920s that charts the progress of a young girl whose life seems to be falling apart when the threat of arson drives the family from their home.

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Tyler, Anne	<i>Digging to America</i>	A twist on the American way as seen from two perspectives, those who are born here and those who are still struggling to fit in. Two families become intertwined after meeting at the airport awaiting the arrival of their adopted daughters from Korea.
Walls, Jeannette	<i>The Glass Castle</i>	In this memoir, the author recalls her highly unusual upbringing as the child of two eccentric parents whose parenting style vacillates between endearing and abusive.
Wang, Ping	<i>The Last Communist Virgin</i>	Wang Ping's stories open a window into the rapid transformations of an ancient Chinese culture- a book about love in a fast-changing world.
Watson, Larry	<i>Montana 1948</i>	The story of the events of the summer of the narrator's 12th year, which altered his view of his family and the world forever.
Winstead, Mary	<i>Back to Mississippi</i>	The author's personal journey researching the events that shook America in 1964 where she discovers a tie to the murder of three civil rights workers.
Yang, Kao Kalia	<i>The Latehomecomer</i>	Presents the journey from refugee camp to America and the hardships and joys of a family's struggle to adapt in a strange culture while holding onto traditions.
Zusak, Markus	<i>The Book Thief</i>	Death narrates the story of Liesel -- a young German girl whose book-stealing helps to sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

Teen/Children's Titles

Author	Title	Description
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Speak</i>	A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.
Card, Orson Scott	<i>Ender's Game</i>	Ender Wiggin is being tested and trained to determine whether he possesses the ability to remake the world-- if the world survives an all-out war with an alien enemy.
Clements, Andrew	<i>Frindle</i>	When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.
Cronn-Mills, Kristin	NEW! <i>The Sky Always Hears Me</i>	When sixteen-year-old Morgan discovers that the one person in the world she trusted most has kept a devastating secret from her, Morgan must redefine her life and herself.
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i>	Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi and learns lessons in friendship with the help of her big ugly dog, Winn-Dixie.
DiCamillo, Kate	NEW! <i>The Tale of Despereaux</i>	The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.
DuPrau, Jeanne	<i>The City of Ember</i>	In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day in order to be a Messenger so she can run to new places in her decaying but beloved city.
Hesse, Karen	<i>Witness</i>	A series of poems express the views of various people in a small Vermont town, including a young black girl and a young Jewish girl, during the early 1920s when the Ku Klux Klan is trying to infiltrate the town.
Hill, S. Kirkpatrick	<i>Toughboy and Sister</i>	The death of their drunken father strands ten-year-old Toughboy and his younger sister at a remote fishing cabin on the Yukon River near Ruby, Alaska, where they spend a summer trying to cope with dwindling food supplies and hostile wildlife.
Jonell, Lynne	NEW! <i>Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat</i>	When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.
Lowry, Lois	<i>The Giver</i>	Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.
Malloy, Brian	NEW! <i>Twelve Long Months</i>	From the end of her senior year at Minnesota's Le Seur High School through her first year as a physics major at Columbia University, Molly Swain finds the inner strength and good friends to help her cope with huge challenges.
McGhee, Alison	NEW! <i>All Rivers Flow to the Sea</i>	After a car accident leaves her older sister Ivy brain-dead, seventeen-year-old Rose struggles with her grief and guilt as she slowly learns to let her sister go.
Peck, Richard	NEW! <i>A Long Way from Chicago</i>	A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.
Reiss, Johanna	<i>The Upstairs Room</i>	A Dutch Jewish girl describes the two-and-one-half years she spent in hiding in the upstairs bedroom of a farmer's house during World War II.
Ryan, Pam Muñoz	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers.

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Runyon, Brent	<i>The Burn Journals</i>	The author recounts the year he spent in a burn unit following his suicide attempt at fourteen, describing the rehabilitation and psychotherapy.
Schumacher, Julie	NEW! <i>The Book of One Hundred Truths</i>	While visiting her grandparents in Port Harbor, New Jersey, twelve-year-old Theodora lists one hundred truths that she discovers while babysitting her younger cousins.
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Maniac Magee</i>	After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe and inspire everyone around him.
Ursu, Anne	NEW! <i>The Shadow Thieves</i>	As all her friends begin to get sick with an illness the doctors cannot cure, Charlotte turns to her cousin, Zee, for guidance and suddenly ends up on a journey to a magical and perilous underworld.
Weaver, Will	NEW! <i>Memory Boy</i>	Sixteen-year-old Miles and his family must flee their Minneapolis home and begin a new life in the wilderness after a chain of cataclysmic volcanic explosions creates dangerous conditions in their city.
Whelan, Gloria	<i>Homeless Bird</i>	When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.
Zindel, Paul	<i>The Pigman</i>	A teenage boy and girl, high school sophomores from unhappy homes, tell of their bizarre relationship with an old man.
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